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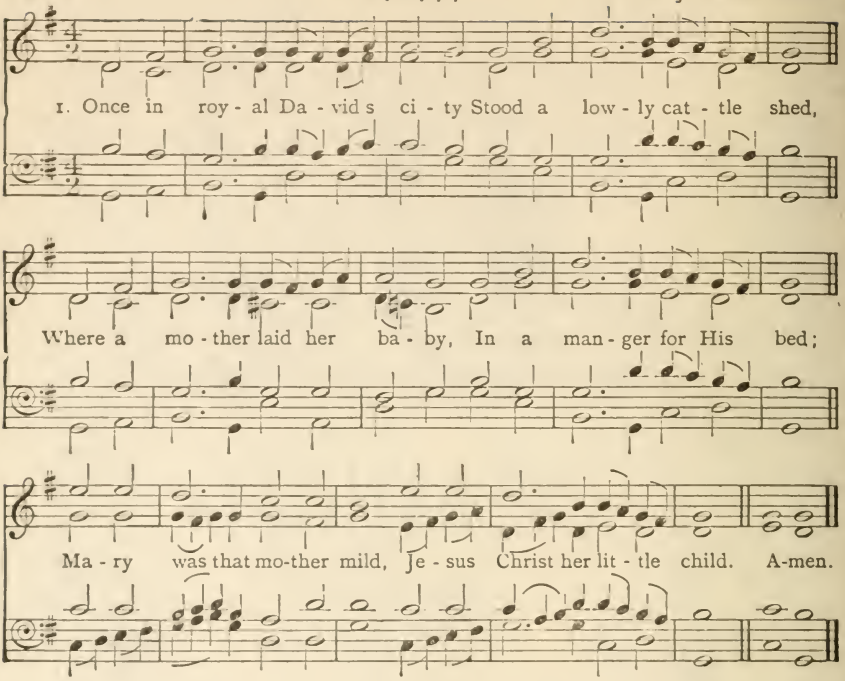

2.

He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

3.

And, through all His wondrous childhood,
He would honor and obey,
Love, and watch the lowly maiden
In whose gentle arms He lay;
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as He.

4.

For He is our childhood's pattern;
Day by day like us He grew:
He was little, weak and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us He knew;
And He feeleth for our sadness,
And He shareth in our gladness.

5.

And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through His own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone.

6.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars His children crowned,
All in white shall wait around. Amen.

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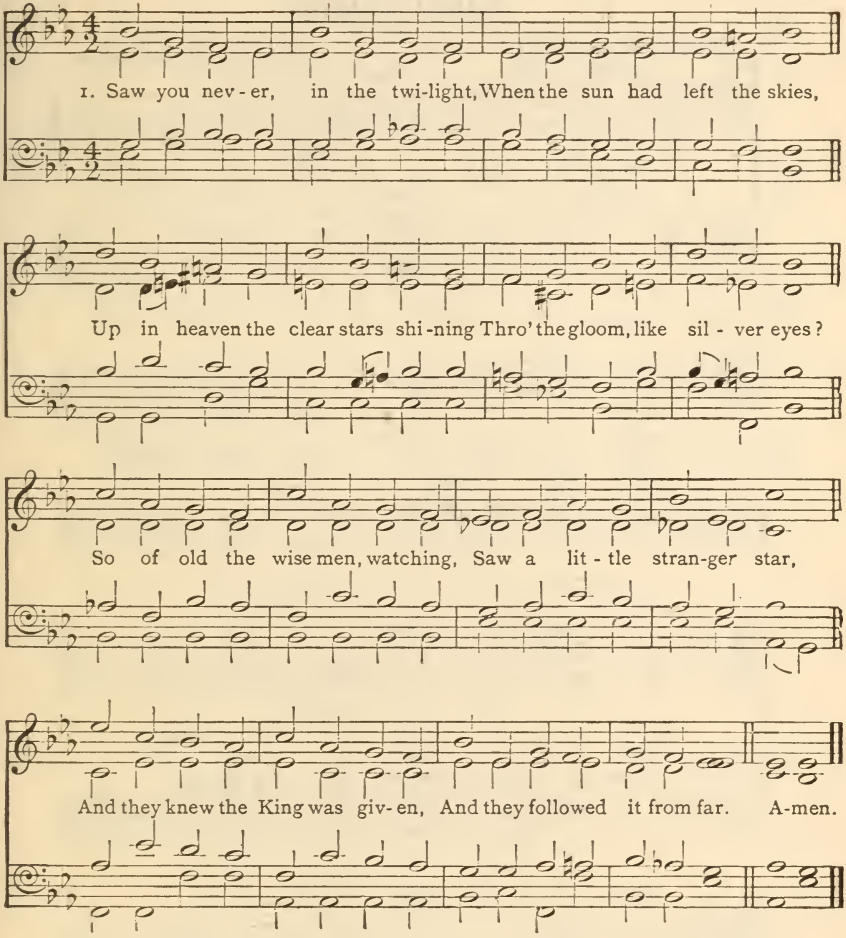
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Heard you never of the story
How they crossed the desert wild,
Journeyed on by plain and mountain,
Till they found the holy Child?
How they opened all their treasure,
Kneeling to that infant King;
Gave the gold and fragrant incense,
Gave the myrrh in offering?

3.

Know ye not that lowly baby
Was the bright and morning Star?
He Who came to light the Gentiles,
And the darkened isles afar?
And, we too, may seek His cradle;
There our hearts' best treasures bring;
Love, and faith, and true devotion,
For our Saviour, God, and King.
Amen.

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Child Divine.

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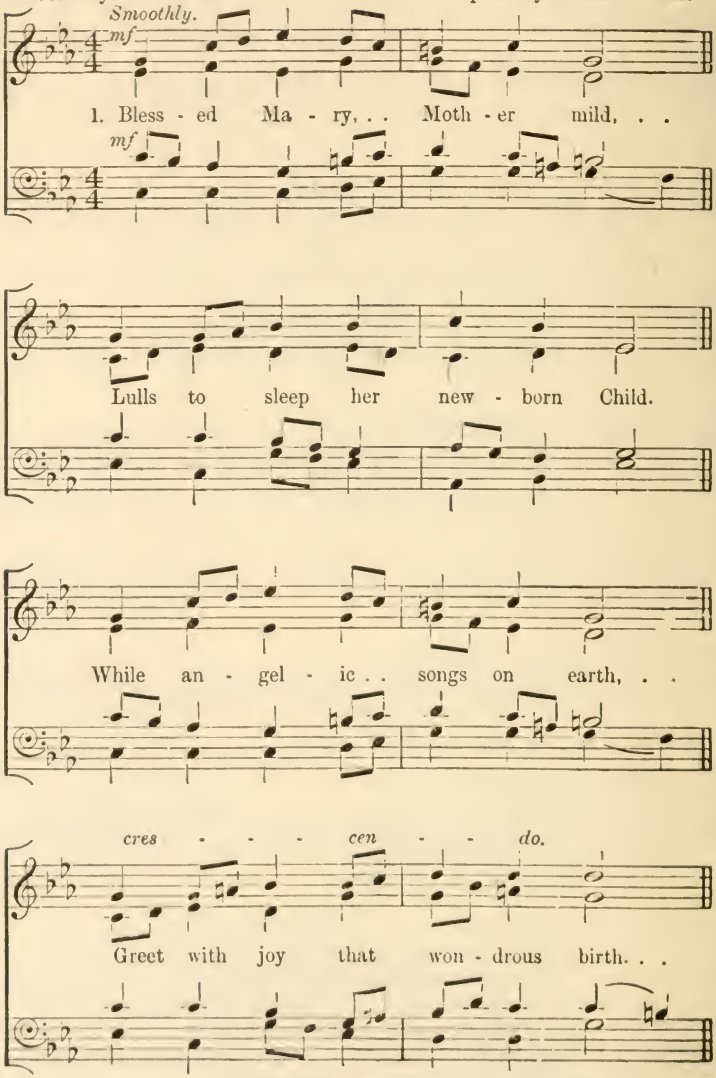
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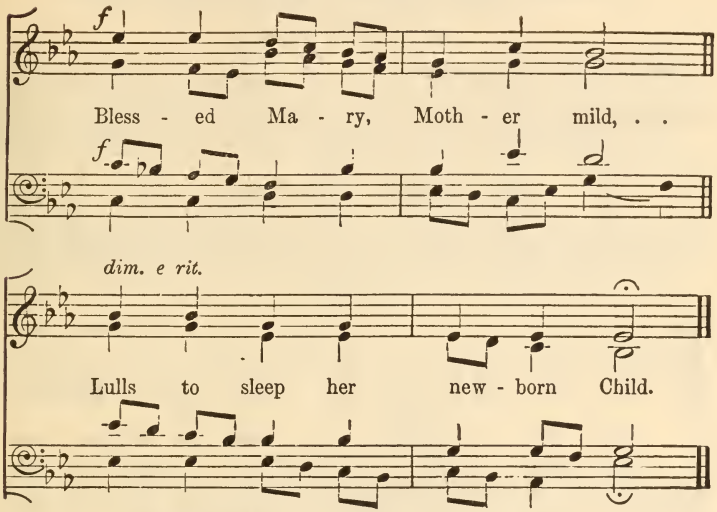

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2.

Shepherds, rise and leave your sheep,
Seek the Babe now wrapped in sleep
He—the Lamb so long foretold
Comes to lead you to His fold.
Blessed Mary, &c.

3.

Slumber on, O Child Divine,
Loving arms Thy form entwine,
Wise men bend adoring knee,
Off'ring royal gifts to Thee.
Blessed Mary, &c.

4.

At the manger-throne to-day,
Faithful hearts shall homage pay,
List the songs the Mother sings
O'er the new-born King of Kings.
Blessed Mary, &c.

Sing the Holy Child-Christ.

EPIPHANY CAROL.

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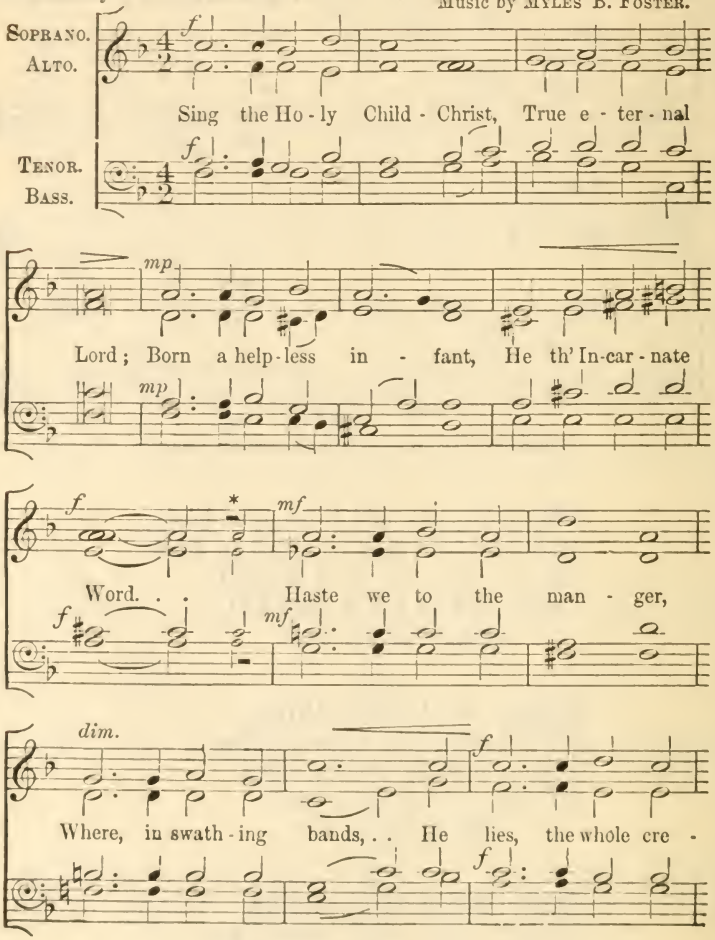
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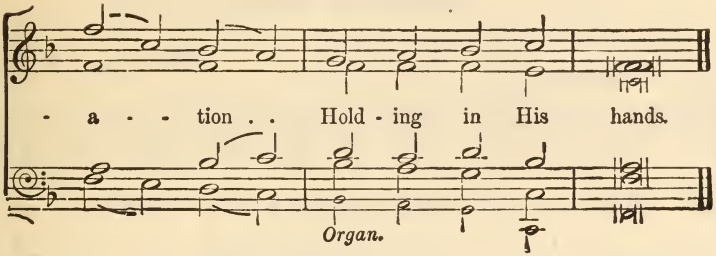
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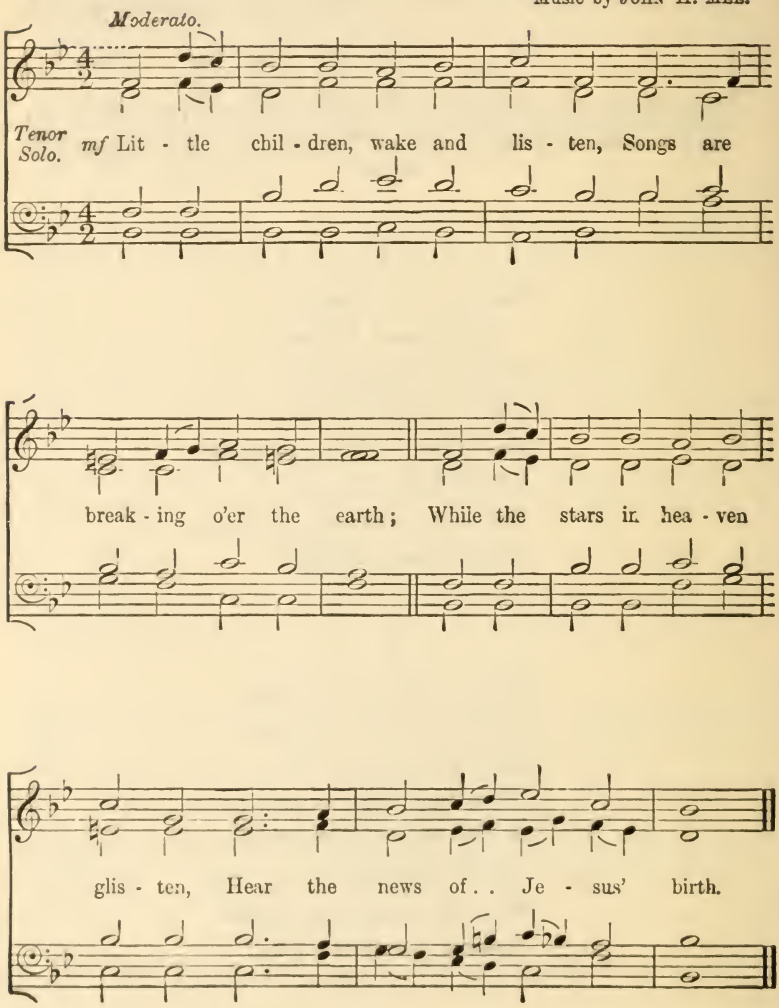
Lo! the hornèd cattle
Stand around His bed,
While on Mary's bosom
Rests that little head:
That Head which men hereafter
Shall, in bitter scorn,
With many a taunting gesture,
Bind about with thorn.

3.

Child, to Whom all nations
Bending shall be brought:
Child, Who our salvation
Wondrously hast wrought;
To Thee we bring our carols
At this holy tide,
When first to Jew and Gentile
Heaven was opened wide.

Little children, wake and listen.

CHRISTMAS CAROL.

Music by JOHN H. MEE.

2.

Tenor Solo. *p* Long ago, to lonely meadows,
Angels brought the message down;
Still each year, through midnight shadows,
It is heard in every town.

3.

Treble Solo. *p* What is this that they are telling,
Singing in the quiet street?
cres. While their voices high are swelling,
What sweet words do they repeat?

4.

Tenor Solo. *mf* Words to bring us greater gladness,
Though our hearts from care are free;
Words to chase away our sadness,
However sad our lot may be.

5.

Chorus. *f* Christ has left His throne of glory
And a lowly cradle found;
Well might angels tell the story—
Well may we their words resound.

6.

Tenor Solo. *f* Little children, wake and listen,
Songs are ringing through the earth;
While the stars in heaven glisten,
Hail with joy your Saviour's birth!

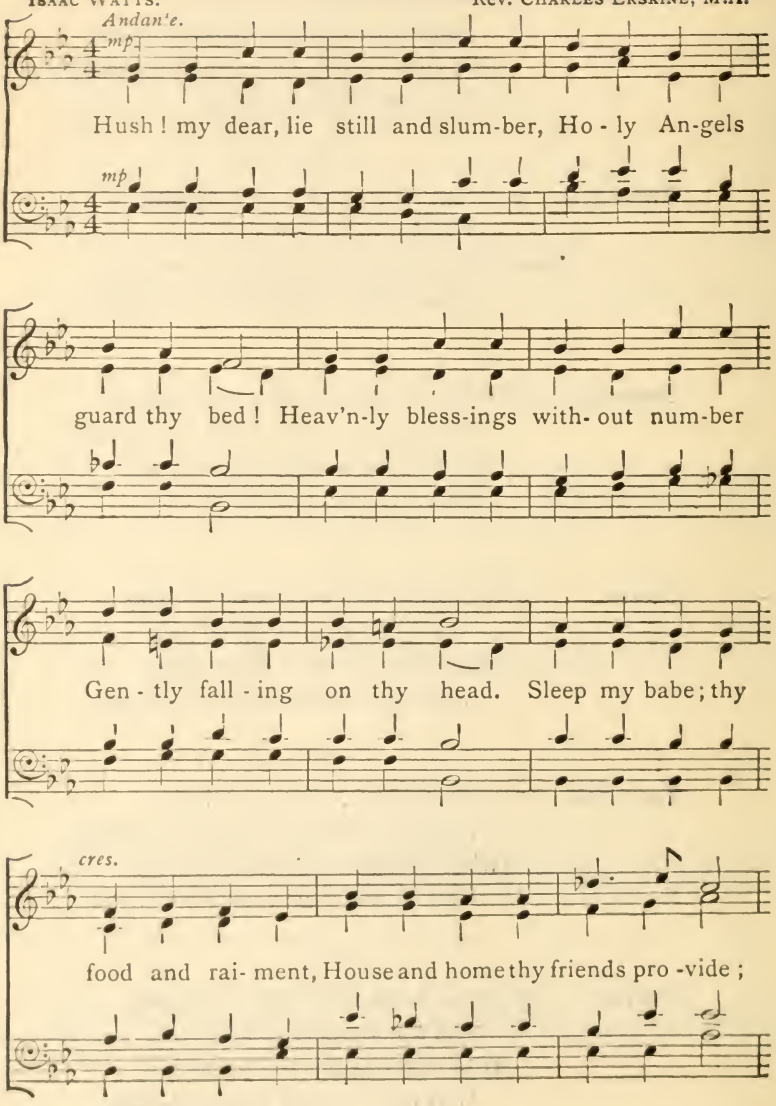
7.

Chorus. *ff* Christ has left His throne of glory,
And a lowly cradle found;
Well might angels tell the story—
Well may we their words resound.

A Cradle Song.

A CAROL.

ISAAC WATTS. Rev. CHARLES ERSKINE, M.A.



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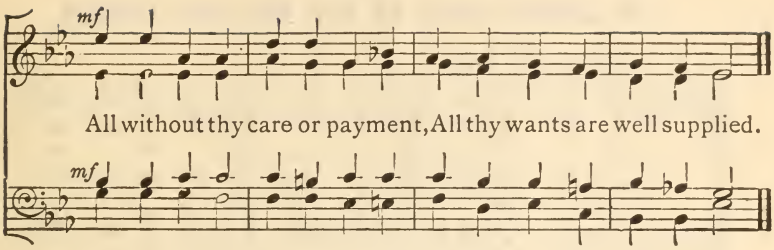


2.

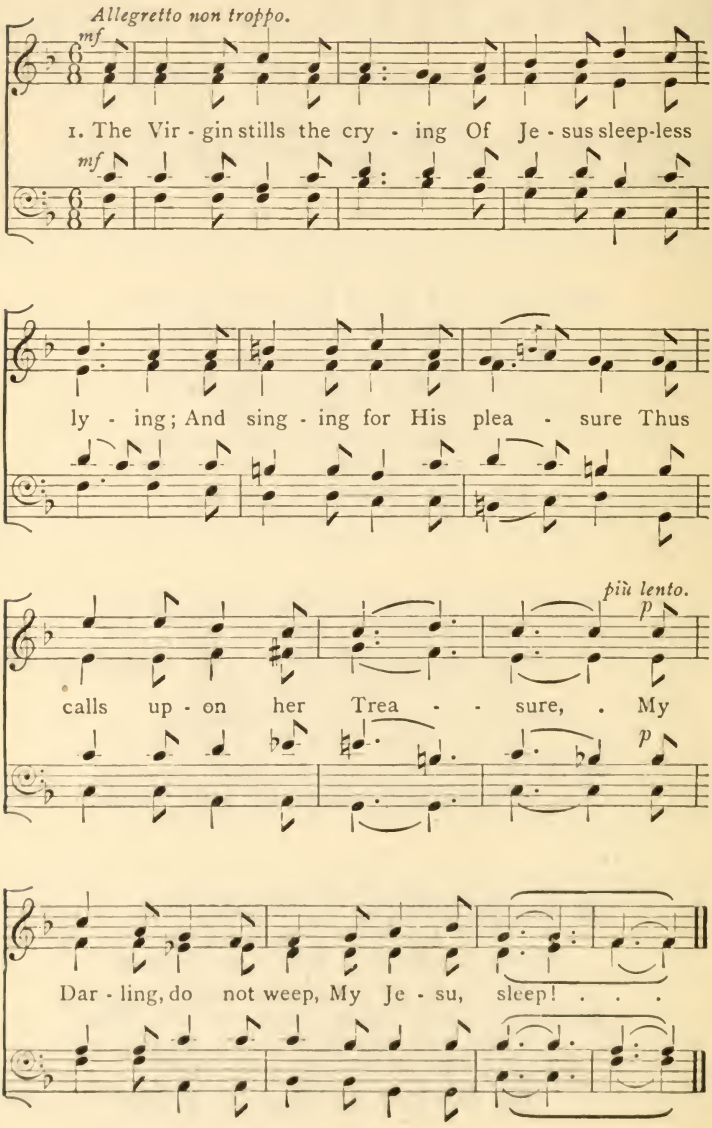
mf How much better thou'rt attended
Than the Son of God could be,
When from heaven he descended,
And became a child like thee!
Soft and easy is thy cradle:
Coarse and hard thy Saviour lay:
When his birthplace was a stable,
And His softest bed was hay.

3.

mf See the kinder shepherds round Him,
Telling wonders from the sky!
Where they sought Him, there they found Him,
With His Virgin Mother by.
See the lovely Babe a-dreaming;
cr. Lovely infant, how He smiled!
mp When He wept, the Mother's blessing
Soothed and hushed the holy Child.

4.

pp Lo, He slumbers in His manger,
Where the hornèd oxen fed:
Peace, my darling, here's no danger;
Here's no ox a-near thy bed!
cr. May'st thou live to know and fear Him,
Trust and love Him all thy days;
f Then go dwell for ever near Him,
See His face, and sing His praise!

A Cradle-song of the Blessed Virgin.

2.

O Lamb, my love inviting,
O Star, my soul delighting,
O Flower of mine own bearing,
O Jewel past comparing!
My Darling, &c.

3.

My Child, of Might indwelling,
My Sweet, all sweets excelling,
Of Bliss the Fountain flowing,
The Dayspring ever glowing.
My Darling, &c.

4.

My Joy, my Exultation,
My spirit's Consolation;
My Son, my Spouse, my Brother,
O listen to Thy Mother.
My Darling, &c.

5.

Say, wouldst Thou heavenly sweetness
Or love of answering meetness?
Or is fit music wanting?
Ho! Angels raise your chantings
My Darling, &c.

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